

Madam Chair,

During the 50<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee on Population and Development, member states, under your leadership, have focused their discussion on the *Report on the Changing Population Age Structures and Sustainable Development* and the *Report on the Monitoring of Population Programs, Focusing on Changing Population Age Structures and Sustainable Development, in the context of the Full Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action*. This will help member states to continuously improve their population policies and relevant socio-economic policies for health, education, employment and social protection, thus facilitating healthy and coordinated social development. China also appreciates the efforts exerted by co-facilitators and you on the draft resolution.

UNFPA has long been working at the global level for and has made important contributions to the promotion of sexual and reproductive health, reduction of prenatal mortality, advancement of gender equality, tapping of the potentials of youth and adolescents, combating HIV/AIDS and providing service to vulnerable groups in humanitarian crises. National programs unanimously adopted by the Executive Board play a critical role in helping developing countries to implement the ICPD Programme of Action and better protect the rights and interest of women and girls. The important work of the UNFPA helps developing countries, including China, to improve their population planning and promote economic and social development.

The Secretary General's Report on World Population Trends indicates that from 2015 to 2030, the world's population will grow from 7.3 billion to 8.5 billion. The UNFPA works for the common interest of the international community. We hope that all member states will support the Fund, ensure its core resources and

enable the UNFPA to play a bigger role in realizing the 2030 Agenda goals relating to poverty reduction, enhancement of the welfare of people of all age groups, gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.

Thank you, Madam Chair.